



Up and Back

Hampton Bowls Club

Coming Events

<p>All Stars Tournament 24th March 2013</p>
<p>Easter Tournament Mixed Two Bowl Triples 30th March 2013</p>
<p>Presentation Night 20th April 2013</p>
<p>Club Annual General Meeting 26th May 2013 Ladies Section AGM 22nd May 2013</p>
<p>Novice Singles April 14th 2013</p>



Footy Tipping is back
Over \$1000 for the winner
Knock out competition



Chairman's Message.

I am pleased that this edition of Up and Back contains the results of our Club Championships and a contribution from Ed Morgan titled "Just Bowling Along".

This edition also includes a personal profile of one of our longer serving members—Laurie Bradley. We would welcome similar contributions from members for future editions.

Congratulations to the Winners and Runners-Up of our Club Championships and many thanks to all those who participated. I wish to recognise our members who gave of their time so willingly when regional competitions were held at our Club. One member, I'm told, stood for more than three hours as a marker, a truly Trojan performance.

The performances on the green have been commendable with both our Saturday and Tuesday No. 1 sides doing particularly well with support being drawn from those members in our other sides. As the season draws to a close there will be about 22 members competing for the 16 places in our Saturday No.1 Team. I appeal to you all to recognise the challenge the selectors will have and that you adopt a mature, understanding and co-operative attitude in respect of the final selections.

Progress foreshadowed in the December issue of Up and Back has come (or is coming) to fruition in respect to both the Honour Boards and the Gaming Room renovations—with the Honour Boards installed and the renovations nearing completion.

I draw your attention to the 'Coming Events' in this issue and to the progressive data displayed for the Bill Quick Awards. Matters on the horizon include consideration of an appropriate organisational structure in the environment where there is to be no gender discrimination. Also a mentor program has been mooted for all new bowlers. I encourage all bowlers to adopt the etiquette of bowls contained in the Bowls Victoria publication "Guidance for new bowlers."

Good bowling,

Graeme Standish

Gaming Room Changes

Over the past few months members will have noticed the changes to the Club and in particular the gaming room.. Club members Leigh Marshall, Michael Edgar, Ron Walsh and Stuart Eden have been removing walls, replacing ceiling tiles and painting parts of the room. What we have achieved is a more functional front entrance and a much larger bar area. The rest of the Bar and Gaming area is now being painted by another club member, Tim Fitzgibbon.

A quote has been received to run a gas line under the decking to facilitate the use of natural gas BBQ connections and to place four heaters on the deck area. Work is due to commence in the next two weeks. New split system air conditioning is to be installed in the main members lounge which will make the room warmer in winter and cooler in summer and this will make hiring the room more desirable.



A quote has been called for to provide a shade structure for the decking area extending out over the centre green. This will provide relief for the bowlers on the centre green without obstructing the view from the deck.



Club Championships

Long time Hampton bowler Jim ("Dizzy") Gillespie finally reached the pinnacle of success with victory in the men's singles final of 2012-13. Playing against ex group singles champion, Dennis ("the menace") Williams, Jim immediately jumped from the blocks to open up a commanding double figure lead before Dennis found his range. A late rally saw Jim's lead steadily diminish but in a tight finish Jim found the elusive 25th shot to claim victory. Jim had reached the final with a narrow victory over Ray Westcott in the semi finals while Dennis had to overcome defending champion Stuart Eden in his penultimate game. Jim now joins a small group of only eight bowlers who have won all four club championships (singles, pairs, triples and fours). Mens singles final: Jim Gillespie d. Dennis Williams 25-22.

Luke Gattuso and David Fisher were successful in the men's pairs, proving too strong for last year's winners Stuart Eden and Sam Bucknall. Luke and David came through a tough draw to reach the semis where they accounted for Jeff Elliot and Ray Westcott. Stuart and Sam mastered Peter (Arthur) Murray and Roger Denning to earn their shot at glory but found their opponents to be in red hot form. Mens pairs final: Luke Gattuso/David Fisher d. Stuart Eden/Sam Bucknall.

The triples final will see a contest between Johann Fourie, Theo Witte and Gino Biagi against Stuart Eden, Sam Bucknall and Simon Forbes. Johann's team won through with a decisive victory over Alan Rimington, Alan Patten and Ronald Walsh while Stuart's win came at the expense of Ron Perry, Frank McCafferty and Roger Denning.

A record entry of 21 teams contested the mixed pairs. Already through to the semi finals in this popular event are Sam Bucknall with Judy Swan and also brand new members Brian and Tess Stynes

Yet to be completed are the 100 up handicap singles and the club fours. Entries for the fours are the highest since the halcyon days of the 70's and 80's. 2013 has seen 48 bowlers compete for these titles.

The "Selectors Appreciation Society" will hold their end of season party on Sunday 24th Feb after pennant in the storage closet next to the Board Room. All attendees must pass through a metal detector.

Alan Patten

Ladies Club Championships

The final of the Ladies Club Championship was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience. In what was a very good match Christine Elliot won over Ellen Coulson, and congratulations must go to both players for their efforts in this competition.

In the pairs competition Glenda Cook and Claire Smyth defeated Margaret Ward and Anne Hope in the final.

The 100 up competition is now well under way, but the result will not be known until later.

Anne Hope

Personal Member Profile: Laurie Bradley

Laurie has been a member of the Hampton Bowls Club for more than 27 years.

Recently we have watched Laurie diligently stepping in to conduct the Friday night raffle when John Larke has been unavailable and to competently run the raffles previously conducted by the late Vin Kelly.

These recent activities mask Laurie's far more significant and demanding contributions to the Club. These involvements have included that of honorary Secretary for seven years and assistance with the production of the club's first coloured booklet—a task conducted in collaboration with the then Chairman, Alan Patten, and Roger Denning. The booklet prominently features photographs of our function room and the deck.

In addition, Laurie produced a useful database of approximately 100 business organisations that have used our Club premises over the years.

For many years Laurie has set up the tables and the room for our Friday Night Happy Hour.

During Laurie's years with the club he has been an excellent contributor to both Pennant and Social Bowls and recently he has furthered his competition bowling through mastering the "arm".

Well done and many thanks, Laurie, and may you have many more enjoyable years with the Hampton Bowls Club!

Contributed

Just Bowling Along

COMMUNICATION: This obviously is vital in bowls as in all walks of life. A friend who is a newcomer to the game has spent several weeks just observing. I asked him for his opinion of the game. He commented: "Initially I was hearing terms such as 'stay down, be up, add two metres etc.'" all a new form of communication to me but it soon made sense. However the main thing I observed was the important role of the skip, another key part of the communication process. Skippers who are really switched on mainly use signs to communicate and often chat to their bowlers as they change ends. Occasionally they ask a bowler to come up and have a quick look at the head.

IN THE BEGINNING: Recently I was asked by a young bowler when the game first began in Melbourne. The best I could come up with was 1884. That was the foundation year that appeared on the front of the Dandenong City Bowls Club building which some of our team members and I noticed recently when we played there.

Edit Note: Our coach, Terry Silberer, has ascertained from Bowls Victoria that 1864 heralded the formal commencement of Bowls in Victoria at the Melbourne Bowls Club.

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GLOBAL: Having watched bowls on ABC TV over many years, long before I started playing, I had the impression that the game was only played in about 7 or 8 countries. However, I recently discovered it is played in at least 27 countries. Players from those countries recently played in Adelaide in the World Championships. Australia, the host nation, took out the honours in both the blue ribbon singles events with Karen Murphy and Leif Selby winning... and Australia took the overall trophy.

BOWLS OR GOLF: Occasionally I have a hit of golf with a mate who describes bowls as an old man's game. I pointed out that it is a great game for the young and old and that it is a harder game than golf. He was very sceptical and had a great laugh. He lives in the country and on the way to his home we noticed a bowls club. I talked him in to having a try. We put down about 20 bowls and he was struggling. "How can it be this hard?" he said as he mopped his brow. He rang me a few days later and commented: "I have joined the bowls club and I have had a few practice games with some young chaps. They thrashed me but I agree with what you said. I am now a convert."

Edited version of a contribution from Ed Morgan

Results as at February 22nd 2013

Event	Men	Ladies
Singles Champions	Jim Gillespie	Christine Elliot
Runners Up	Dennis Williams	Ellen Coulson
Pairs Champions	Luke Gattuso	Glenda Cook
	David Fisher	Claire Smyth
Runners Up	Stuart Eden	Margaret Ward
	Sam Bucknall	Anne Hope
Triples Champions		
Runners Up		
Fours Champions		
Runners Up		
Handicap Singles 100 up		
Runner Up		
Mixed Pairs		
Runner Up		
Proportional Winner		
Runner Up		